

President Calls Attention to Over-Population

Last week President Lyndon Johnson for the 28th time publicly since his election called to the attention of the world the grim impact the population explosion is having on more than one-half of the world's people.

Although he spoke specifically of India in his Message on India Food delivered to Congress, the President observed that India is not alone in facing the specter of near famine.

Senator Ernest Gruening voiced support of the President's message and told his Senate colleagues that according to experts, 50 million mothers are eligible for family planning assistance in India.

"It is significant," he noted, "that India's current five-year development plan puts more emphasis on population control than ever before. As India works to align food and population, I would hope that the President's message can be properly implemented."